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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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The following is in response to the Official Action mailed December 16, 1999 and in further response to our Response filed September 28, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A vacuum process apparatus for processing at least one workpiece comprising a chamber with[:]

at least two openings defining respective opening areas [for one of treating and handling said at least one workpiece thereof]; and

a transport device having

a drive shaft rotatable around a rotational axis of said drive shaft;

at least two conveyors [arranged at said transport device] for at least one workpiece each[, said transport device comprising], and a transport arm for each conveyor [projecting from] operatively associated with said drive shaft;

said arms being operatively coupled to said conveyors to move said conveyors independently of each other relative to said

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